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SUBJECT: SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR FOR BOTSWANA

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1. FOLLOWING A REQUEST BY THE GOB FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING A SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR WHO COULD ORGANIZE A NATIONAL SPORTS PROGRAM, AND PURSUANT TO A STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY RYO MAL WHITFIELD, THE POST MET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS WHO SAID THEY COULD SUPPLY A QUALIFIED MAN FOR THE POSITION.
2. THE REPS, PAUL AUBRY AND EDWARD HOPKINS, MET WITH GOB OFFICIALS WHO WERE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING AN IESC CANDIDATE UNDER THE TERMS OUTLINED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES. COSTS TO THE GOB WERE DISCUSSED ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS AT THE MEETING.
3. UPON EXAMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT LEFT WITH THEM BY THE REPS, THE GOB OFFICIALS DISCOVERED THEY WERE EXPECTED TO PAY 5000 DOLS. UPON THE CANDIDATE'S ARRIVAL, AND 2000 DOLS. PER MONTH FOR THE

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SECOND AND EACH SUCCEEDING MONTH HE WAS HE WAS IN THE COUNTRY.

4. GOB REPS OFFERED, DURING THEIR MEETING WITH IESC, TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR WHILE HE WAS CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES.
5. IN A LETTER TO ME POINTING OUT THE GOB'S INABILITY TO PAY

THE AMOUNT STIPULATED IN THE AGREEMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL STATES THE PAYMENT "IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING DURING THE DISCUSSION WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES. IT IS REGRETTED THAT THE BOTSWANA GOVT CANNOT AFFORD THIS HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR SUCH A SHORT PERIOD".

6. HEHIS LETTER FURTHER ASKS ME TO "TAKE UP THIS MATTER WITH THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED". IN PHONE CALL HE URGED ME TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE NO OTHER TERMS UNDER WHICH THE GOB COULD OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF A SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR FROM IESC.

7. COMMENT: FOR REASONS EXPRESSED ERLIER, WE CONSIDER THE GOB REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER TO BE OF HIGH PRIORITY. WE WERE ASKED TO HELP AT THE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT KHAMA, HIMSELF A SPORTS ENTHUSIAST. WE AGREED TO ASSIST IN LOCATING A QUALIFIED ADMINISTRATOR. BOTH BEFORE AND SINCE THE GOB REQUEST OTHER NATIONS HAVE OFFERED TO PROVIDE AN ADMINISTRATOR, BUT THEIR OFFERS HAVE SO FAR NOT BEEN ACCEPTED.

ICASS RYO WHITFIELD HAS CONTACTED A QUALIFIED POTENTIAL ADMINISTRATOR, BUT THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE IESC POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE FULLY EXAMINED BEFORE IT IS DROPPED.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: PROMPT DEPT/ICA ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING IESC, PREFERABLY MESSRS AUBRY AND HOPKINS IF AVAILABLE, AND DETERMINE IF AN ADMINISTRATOR COULD BE PROVIDED BOTSWANA WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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